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## **Violent Toledo Sex Trafficker Sentenced**

### **Press Release**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced COLINNA KENNETH FEEMSTER, age 32, of Toledo, Ohio, was sentenced to 52 months by Chief U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney for transporting prostitutes across state lines in violation of the federal Mann Act. The charges resulted from an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Marion County Sheriff's Department, and the Safe Streets Task Force.

On July 19, 2005, FEEMSTER transported two women from Toledo, Ohio to Indianapolis and ordered them to work for him as prostitutes at a local truck stop. The federal Mann Act makes it unlawful to transport persons across state lines for purposes of prostitution. Between May 2005 and his arrest on July 23, 2005, FEEMSTER received a total of \$25,000-30,000 from these women as a result of their work for him as prostitutes in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Washington D.C., and New York. FEEMSTER required the women

to turn over to him all of the money they made through prostitution. FEEMSTER controlled these women through coercion and physical violence.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven DeBrot, who handled the prosecution, McKinney imposed three years of supervised release following FEEMSTER'S release from imprisonment. The court increased FEEMSTER's sentence because of his extensive criminal history (which involved drug convictions and other offenses), his use of violence and coercion in the commission of the offense, and the need to send a clear message to other persons engaged in sex trafficking. FEEMSTER was detained in federal custody since his arrest on July 23, 2005 and will be transported in custody to a Bureau of Prisons to serve the sentence.

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